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**INCREASED ACTIVITY
CHI-NING DEFENSIVE AREA
CHI-NING, CHINA**

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INSTALLATION OR ACTIVITY NAME Increased Activity, Chi-ning Defensive Area, Chi-ning, China (Chi-ning Army Barracks WSW AL-1)		COUNTRY CH
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MAP REFERENCE			

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ABSTRACT

1. Increased activity was evident at the 11 defensive areas in Inner Mongolia

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It was most apparent at Chi-ning Defensive Area where considerable increase in construction and equipment was observed. This report describes this activity and contains maps, a table, and annotated photographs.

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INTRODUCTION

2. The defensive areas in Inner Mongolia secure avenues of possible ground attack from the north (Figure 1, A). Chi-ning, the largest defensive area, is in mountainous/hilly terrain immediately southwest of Chi-ning and 180 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Peking (Figure 1, B). Like other defensive areas in Inner Mongolia, it encompasses a large geographic area and contains numerous partially underground or revetted barracks and support buildings, adits used for field artillery (FA) positions, personnel shelters, and extensive personnel and antitank trenching. It secures the important avenue of approach along the major north-south rail line and protects the eastern terminus of the east-west rail line in Inner Mongolia.

Table 1. Increased Activity - Chi-ning Defensive Area

Item	Description		
A	Area		
	Sq miles (approx)	40	96
B	Facilities		
	Buildings	261	908
	FA adits	35	71
	Personnel adits	9	333
C	Ground Force Weapons & Equipment		
	Assault guns	0	14
	FA pieces	46	86
	AAA pieces	36	48
	Mortars	0	8
	Cargo trucks	133	301

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

3. The area and facilities at Chi-ning Defensive Area were expanded rapidly from [redacted] (Table 1, A and B). Most of the barracks and support buildings are partially underground or revetted and are dispersed throughout major valleys in the defensive area. Adits, used for FA positions (Figure 2) and personnel protection, are in the ridges of the defensive area. On photography [redacted] eight FA positions at 40-56-50N 112-57-40E were observed with possible concrete runners extending from the adit entrances to firing positions (Figure 3). Adits with concrete runners have also been observed at Ku-yang Defensive Area North [redacted] 41-08-00N 110-05-00E), the second largest defensive area in Inner Mongolia.

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4. Ground force weapons and equipment at Chi-ning doubled [redacted] (Table 1, C). [redacted] the number of FA pieces observed exceeded the number of FA positions. However, only 25 FA positions were occupied; the remaining FA pieces were dispersed in groups of four to 12 in barracks areas within the defensive area. Armored vehicles in a defensive area in Inner Mongolia were observed for the first time at Chi-ning [redacted] Fifteen SU-76 assault guns were parked in four groups at barracks areas in the northern portion of the defensive area. Dummy tanks were also observed for the first time in Inner Mongolia at this defensive area [redacted] They were concentrated in a valley in the southeastern portion of the defensive area (Figure 4). They appeared to be of earth construction and varied in size from [redacted] Twelve of these appeared to be newly constructed.

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5. Similar developments were observed at other defensive areas in Inner Mongolia but to a lesser degree. On [redacted] FA was observed for the first time at Ssu-tzu-wang-chi Defensive Area North [redacted] and at Wu-chuan Defensive Area South [redacted]. By March 1973, weapons had been observed at all defensive areas in Inner Mongolia with the exception of Wu-yuan Army Barracks AL 2 [redacted] and Tai-pu-ssu-chi Defensive Area North-northwest [redacted]

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